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Emergency Medical Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 14

Subject: Approve negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Austin Independent School District (AISD) for the provision of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-B) training in two Austin high schools for a term of one year, in an amount not to exceed \$8,000, with two 12-month renewal options, in an amount not to exceed \$8,000 per renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$24,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$8,000 was included in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the EMS Department. Funding for the renewal options is contingent upon the available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required

Additional Backup Material

(click to open) No Attachments Available For More Information: James Shamard, Division Commander, 972-7260

The EMS Department and the Austin Independent School District (AISD) wish to provide Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) training at two Austin high schools: Lanier and Akins, as part of AISD's Health Sciences educational program. The EMT-B program will educate, prepare, and develop students for a future career in EMS. Successful students will have the opportunity to take the EMT-B certification exam required by the Texas Department of State Health Services and, once they are certified, to apply to the City's EMS Department. This program will serve as a key component of the EMS Department's strategy to expand its recruiting efforts to new segments of the Austin community. Training includes content such as patient assessment, CPR, bandaging/splinting, emergency childbirth, and trauma care. The first course is scheduled to commence in January of 2007 and conclude on May 22, 2007.

In accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the City of Austin EMS Department will provide the following: • An appropriately qualified primary instructor, guest and skill instructors and a program coordinator for the delivery of the Emergency Medical Technician Program. • All medical training equipment, including personal protective equipment, simulators, medical aids, lab coats and any additional props required to support the specific curriculum. • Funding to AISD, in an amount not to exceed \$64 per student, or \$8,000 for the initial term, to pay initial Texas Department of State Health Services certification fees for any student who successfully completes the program and takes the state EMT-B certification test.

In accordance with the terms of this Agreement, AISD will provide the following. • Classroom facilities for a minimum of 25 students and 2 instructors including instructional equipment, such as computers, projectors, television, DVD/VCR equipment, access to a copy machine and supplies; • Appropriate curriculum materials for the program to meet state standards; • Secure storage space at each school for City training equipment and supplies, • Space for the City instructor to prepare material for class, review homework and exams after class and meet with students individually to review performance as needed, • An AISD teacher who will be present in each class and who will be responsible for grading the students for AISD purposes • Training sessions to the City instructor(s) regarding AISD policies and applicable laws that the instructors must follow.

The initial term of the Agreement is for one year and the parties may agree to renew the Agreement for up

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to two additional one-year terms. The AISD Executive Committee has approved the Agreement.